

Claims

1. A drinking vessel having an outer wall and an inner liquid reservoir with an open mouth wherein the outer wall splays outwardly from the mouth to form a base footprint of greater area than the mouth, the arrangement being such that a vertical line extending downwardly from the centre of gravity of the vessel lies within the base footprint when the vessel is inclined with the plane of the base footprint at angles of up to about 50° to the horizontal.
2. A vessel as claimed in claim 1 wherein the bottom of the reservoir is flush with the lower edge of the outer wall.
3. A vessel as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the reservoir narrows towards its bottom.
4. A vessel as claimed in claim 1 wherein the walls of the reservoir are constituted by oppositely sensed frusto-cones.
5. A vessel as claimed in claim 1 wherein there is an angle of 2° and 5° between the outer wall and the reservoir.
6. A vessel as claimed in any one of the preceding claims formed as a single integral moulding.
7. A vessel as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the vessel is a cup with a handle.
8. A vessel as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein ratio to the area of the mouth to the area of the base is at least about 3:4.
9. A vessel as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the vertical line passes through the base footprint at angles of inclination up to 40° or 45°.

10. A drinking vessel having a mouth and an base wherein the ratio of the area of the mouth to the base is at least about 3:4 and the vessel has an outer divergent wall and an inner liquid reservoir.

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